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| Title      | : FERRITIC STAINLESS STEEL SHEET FOR |                            |
|            | : FUEL TANK AND FUEL PIPE AND METHOD |                            |
|            | : FOR MAKING THE SAME                |                            |

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

We submit herewith the usual Form PTO-1449 together with copies of publications listed therein. A copy of a European Search Report is also enclosed. They are submitted to comply with the Applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and are believed related to this application.

We are submitting this in the spirit of voluntary disclosure and look forward with interest to the Examiner's action at an early date on the merits of the case.

It is accordingly requested that the Information Disclosure Statement be officially entered in the file of this case and that appropriate notification be made that it was considered in the prosecution of the case.

Respectfully submitted,



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